



HIPAA RESOURCES

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- **Website** – <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/> - Answers to Frequently Asked Questions, links to other HIPAA sites, and information on the law, regulations, and enforcement are located here.
 - **New Regulations** - HHS recently published two rules, the Modifications Rule (modifies the Electronic Transactions and Code Sets Rule) and the final Security Rule. You can find both rules on our website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/>.
 - **Small Provider Checklist Tool** – Use this to help you determine first steps you should be taking to prepare for HIPAA. <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/education/ReadinessChkLst.pdf>. Also available in Spanish version: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/education/ReadinessChkLstEsp.pdf>.
- CMS HIPAA 101 Paper for Providers** – This short paper gets straight to the point describing HIPAA and what it means to providers. This is part of a larger series being developed that walk providers through what they need to know about the electronic transactions and code sets. Stay tuned for more information on the remainder of the series. <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/education/HIPAAPaper101-1of1.pdf>. Spanish version: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/education/ReadinessChkLstEsp.pdf>.
- **Covered Entity Decision Tool** - Need help determining if you are covered by HIPAA? Try using this tool found at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/support/tools/decisionsupport/default.asp>.
 - **FREE HIPAA Roundtable Conference Call** – This is a good source of information and a forum to get answers to your questions on HIPAA Administrative Simplification. The next call will be hosted by HHS' Office for Civil Rights (OCR), the agency with oversight of the privacy requirements. The call is scheduled for **April 30, 2003** from **2-3:30 EST**. The call in number is **1-877-381-6315**. The conference identification number is **8688774**.
 - **FREE Video and CD-ROM** – Coming Soon! CMS' HIPAA 101 Video and CD-ROM are packed with tips for preparing your office for HIPAA. Stay tuned to our website for information.
 - **Satellite Broadcast** – CMS will proudly host a satellite broadcast on “HIPAA 101” on **April 16, 2003**. This broadcast will feature information, tips, and suggested steps to take for compliance. Go here for more information: www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/hipaabroadcast.asp.
 - **FREE Listserves** – Both listserves are operated by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
 - **Regulations** - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/regulations/lstnotify.asp> - Sign up to receive notification when proposed or final rules on HIPAA have been published in the Federal Register (The Federal Register is the place where the government, upon passing a law, tells the public how the law will be implemented).
 - **New! Outreach** – <http://list.nih.gov/archives/hipaa-outreach-l.html> - Sign up here to receive free notices on HIPAA announcements, new tools and educational material, and related information.



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- **CMS Medicaid HIPAA web address** - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/hipaa/adminsim/>
- **Medicare free / low cost billing software** – <http://cms.hhs.gov/providers/edi/> - If you bill Medicare, there is software available to you free or for a small charge. This software is designed only for Medicare claims. Check the above link for the appropriate contact in your state for more information.
- **White Paper:** *AM I A COVERED ENTITY PROVIDER?*
<http://www.wedi.org/snip/public/articles/coveredEntity.pdf>
- **White Paper:** *HOW HIPAA IS RESHAPING THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS*
<http://www.wedi.org/snip/public/articles/centMedicarencaid.pdf>

Contact info for CMS

- **CMS E-Mail box** – askhipaa@cms.hhs.gov. Send HIPAA administrative simplification questions here.
- **CMS HIPAA Hotline** – **1-866-282-0659** – This hotline has been established to help answer your HIPAA administrative simplification questions.

Other Resources

- **HHS' Office for Civil Rights (Privacy)**– <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/> - The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Office for Civil Rights oversees the privacy requirements.
 - ***New!*** OCR posts **Frequently Asked Questions** to their website at:
<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/whatsnew.html>
 - Model "Business Associate Agreement" at: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/contractprov.html>
 - "Guidance Explaining Significant Aspects of the Privacy Rule" at:
<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/privacy.html>.
 - Contact information
 - OCRPrivacy@hhs.gov or
 - Call **1-866-627-7748**.
- **WEDI SNIP Website** - <http://www.wedi.org/snip/> - WEDI is an organization working to foster widespread support for the adoption of electronic commerce within healthcare and SNIP is a collaborative healthcare industry-wide process resulting in the implementation of standards and furthering the development and implementation of future standards. This website contains various resources on HIPAA administrative simplification.
 - Materials from CMS HIPAA Workshop for Small / Rural Health Care Providers -
<http://www.wedi.org/snip/public/articles/details%7E56.htm>
 - Find out if your state has a local WEDI SNIP affiliate – Go to
<http://www.wedi.org/snip/public/articles/index%7E8.htm>